MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : At present, in the light of the second notification on the matter, marriage is a disqualification for both the classes of nurses.

Action against the Malabar Advocate.

2. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to my question No. 60, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 24th November, 1926, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have considered the question of taking action against the *Malabar Advocate* for publishing the following passage : - " It is a notorious fact that in the last reign there was a Palace favourite who used to sell appointments and other forms of similar patronages to the highest bidder. Anybody, no matter whether well-qualified or ill-qualified, could get a job provided he was ready to pay for it "?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Government did consider the question, and upon the advice of their Law Officers, the matter was dropped.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know who was the officer concerned at the time this opinion was ascertained from the legal department of the Government ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Mr. V. S. Subrahmanya Aiyar.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Was it his opinion that an action will not lie on the passage quoted above ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Action under what Regulation ?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Under the Newspapers Regulation ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, that was his opinion.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether, if the same passage had been published about the present administration, an action would lie ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is not for me to answer. The member may take legal advice on the matter, if he wants.

The Kannan Devan Hills Concession.

3. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to the concession to the Kannan Devan Hills Produce Company, Limited, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total area assigned to the Kannan Devan Hills Produce Company ;

(*b*) the total area planted with tea or rubber or otherwise cultivated ; and

(*c*) the total area left as forests or unplanted ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 1,37,431·89 acres.

(*b*) 38,113·32 acres.

(*c*) 99,318·57 acres.

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